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Lack of Funds under MGNREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is not being done in many States due to lack of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;

(c) the reasons for stopping release of funds to such States under the Act; and

(d) the time by which the Government proposes to release adequate funds under the Act to such States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is a demand driven programme. The Central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. During the current Financial Year 2016-17 (as on 02.02.2017) an amount of Rs. 43425.83 crore has been released to the States/UTs for implementation of MGNREGS which is the highest ever release since inception.

Details of amount released to States/UTs under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the current FY (as on 02.02.2017) is indicated at Annexure.

The fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to make funds available as per actual basis.

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